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OUR RICHMOND NEWS LETTER

The Worst of the Great Flood Has Passed.

A THREATENING ICE GORGE

It Holds Within Its Grip All the Bridges Across James River in the City—Great Damage Along the Water Front—Chesapeake and Ohio's Improvements—A New Judge—Death—Interesting Case.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—It is probable that the worst of the great flood has passed, but low lying districts of the city are still in danger. There is no high water, practically, up the river, but there is an immense gorge here that is extremely threatening. It is extended from the Old Dominion wharves at the lower end of the city directly across the river, and is extremely threatening. The ice is packed against this gorge, and the crush extends up the river for a distance of over a mile. Embraced in its grip are all the bridges across the river. The ice has nearly crushed Mayo's bridge, one of the principal thoroughfares between this city and Manchester. The pack extends to the walkway. The horizontal beams supporting the structure are broken. Only the ice is believed to hold the bridge up. When the ice goes out the bridge will go.

The Southern Railway has been trying this afternoon to blow out the Mayo bridge gorge with dynamite. A great deal of ice was gotten out of the way in this manner, but the relief was only temporary. The gorge at the Old Dominion wharves, three quarters of a mile lower down, caused the trouble. The water was in Main street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth, until shortly after noon today. It is still on the sidewalks, and all the cellars are full. The first market has been abandoned, all the dealers occupying the sidewalks on Eighteenth street, between Franklin and Grace.

All wharf property has suffered very greatly. The wharves and offices of the Virginia Navigation Company are gone, but the Peabodys is safe, being moored in the dock. The Clyde Line and Old Dominion wharves are submerged, and their offices and warehouses are twisted and wrecked. The amount of freight destroyed was not very great. All the steamboat companies had notified consignees to remove the freight on the wharves and this was generally done. The merchants on lower Main street expected the rise and took their stocks to upper stories. The damage to the property of residents was greater, but the most of them got away everything.

BIG C. & O. IMPROVEMENTS. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will in a short time begin the construction of improvements here, the cost of which will aggregate \$5,000,000. They will include an immense steel viaduct across the James, new general offices, and an extended passenger depot. The plans are now in the offices of the company here, and only details have to be arranged before the work is begun. All the property needed has been acquired.**A NEW JUDGE.** Governor Tyler to-day received and accepted the resignation of Judge Bent-

ley B. Campbell, of the County Court of Amherst, and appointed Hon. Clarence J. Campbell to fill the vacancy. Judge Campbell has served in the House of Delegates and resigned his seat in that body to accept the judgeship.

DEATH OF CAPT. G. R. TALCOTT. Capt. George R. Talcott, United States engineer in charge of the James River improvement work here, died suddenly about twenty minutes to 12 o'clock this morning of heart failure, near Fifth and Louisiana streets, in Fulton.

Captain Talcott had been engaged all the morning in overseeing the work of loosening up an ice-gorge near the point where his death occurred. He was in company with Mr. Hampton Carls and the two had started up town together. Captain Talcott seemed in his usual health and spirits and had just given directions where he could be found if needed.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

An interesting case came up for argument in the United States Court of Appeals to-day. It was the case of M. F. Pleasant et al., appellants, vs. Southern Railway Company, appellees. Several years ago when the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company went into the hands of a receiver, Judge Goff, sitting in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, appointed M. F. Pleasant and Thomas S. Atkins special masters in the chancery cause of William P. Clyde et al., vs. the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company et al. Their duties were to hear evidence and take all necessary accounts and nature of the business of the company, and general information regarding the financial condition of the company.

QUESTION OF PAY.

At the time of the appointment Judge Goff authorized the special masters to draw \$125 per month each from the company for services, on account, their full compensation to be decided later. Subsequently Judge Goff decided that the compensation of the special masters should be \$5,000 per annum each, including the \$125 per month. This was paid except the last eight months, for which time a balance of \$3,446.06 was claimed to be due. This was refused and Judge Goff decided against the special masters. Judge Atkins accepted the decision of Judge Goff, but Mr. Pleasant appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. His appeal was made in the capacity of special master, of course, though it created considerable comment that the Clerk of the court should take an appeal from the decision of the Judge of the same court.

JUDGE GOFF DISQUALIFIED.

Judge Goff was disqualified from sitting in the case and Judge Simonton was made to be present on account of illness. Judges Morris, Brawley, and Waddill sat in the case, which was argued for the appellants by C. V. Meredith and by Willis B. Smith for the Southern Railway Company, and submitted.

IT COSTS NOTHING.

The "Home Study Circle" costs the readers of the Virginian-Pilot absolutely nothing but their subscription to the newspaper. The expense of these courses of instruction will be met wholly by the Virginian-Pilot. The "Home Study Circle" is in no sense a catch-penny scheme, but is in line with the aim of this paper to bring daily into the homes of the people, the world's brightest and freshest news, the most accurate information regarding current local and national topics, and the most carefully prepared educational help. The Virginian-Pilot is glad to do this and it is much encouraged by the wide-spread interest awakened by its efforts. Many educators are enthusiastic in their commendation of the courses and have recommended to their pupils the systematic use of the "Home Study Circle" as supplementary reading. The courses are also credited with much interest in literary circles and the literary courses published every Thursday and Friday will undoubtedly be adopted by many of them as a course of study.

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PETERSBURG

A Fire at Fords, Dinwiddie County.

Death of Mrs. Emma V. Hand—New Banking House—Gift to the Poor—Street Railway Suspension—An Accident.

Petersburg, Va., February 18.—The stable of Mr. W. T. Stone, near Ford's depot, in Dinwiddie county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, with some feed and about twenty thousand feet of lumber, which was stored in the building. How the fire originated is not known. No foot tracks could be seen in the snow anywhere in the vicinity of the stable and therefore it is not thought that the fire could have been of incendiary origin. Mr. Stone had the misfortune to have his stable and other property burned last February.

DEATH OF MRS. HAND.

Mrs. Emma V. Hand, whose illness has been announced in these columns, died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Robert T. Stone, on Wythe street, Thursday night. The deceased was a well-known and popular woman, who will be sincerely grieved to hear of her demise. She was a consistent member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and was the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of that church. She was also president of the King's Daughters' Society of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Blandford.

NEW BANKING HOUSE.

Mr. W. W. Robinson, who has the contract for building the new banking house of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, stated yesterday that as soon as the weather would permit brick layers would begin work on the new structure. The building is to be completed by the 15th of August next, and will cost with its equipments about \$15,000.

A GIFT TO THE POOR.

Mayor Pleasant yesterday morning received a letter from Mr. J. W. Phillips, tendering to the poor of the city a car load of Banner coal, provided that the city would pay the freight on the same from the mines. The generous offer was of course accepted. The coal is expected to reach here in a day or so.

BRIEF MENTION.

An effort was made yesterday to open the street railway track which is blocked up with snow by running a snow-plow over the line. There was little to the plow six hours, but little was accomplished. It will, in all likelihood, be some days before the cars can run.

The sales of loose tobacco, which have been discontinued on account of the very inclement weather, will be resumed next Tuesday at the different warehouses.

Mrs. Susan Williams, who resides in Ettrick, fell from the icy steps of her home a day or so ago and broke one of her ribs.

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Suitable for Bad Weather.

Ladies' and Children's Footcloths, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Men's Tan Rubbers, 5 to 7 1/2, 25c.

Men's Rubbers, all sizes, for 40c., 50c. and 60c.

HELLER'S SHOE STORE.

64 Bank St.

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TOWN OF SUFFOLK

Funeral of Mr. John S. Wilson at Smithfield.

The Watch Recovered—Prominent Citizen Dead—Three Alleged Felons—Want Whaleyville Incorporated—Wise-Young Content.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Feb. 18.—One of the biggest funerals which Smithfield ever saw was solemnized to-day for Christ P. E. Church. It was the final rites over the remains of the late John Shady Wilson, who died yesterday, aged 41 years. The services were conducted according to the ceremony of the Episcopal Church by the rector, Rev. W. G. Scott. He was assisted by Rev. J. K. Jolliff, of the Methodist Church.

With military splendor and civic dignity the remains were followed to the grave with much sadness. The body was escorted by the Survey Cavalry, Captain Carter Land, and the Smithfield Light Infantry, Captain R. S. Thomas, Jr. The cavalry was mounted and they made a handsome appearance. The interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery. These were pall-bearers: J. C. Goodrich, Colonel E. M. Morrison, J. D. Jordan, E. H. Cofer, Willis Morrison and C. W. Warren. The funeral happened at 12:30 p. m.

Among connections of the family present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barton, of Suffolk, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, of Norfolk.

SOMETHING UNEXPLAINED.

Eddie Smith, a commercial man from Durham, N. C., came to Suffolk some days ago, and before going he lost a watch in a manner which has not yet been made public. Mr. Smith had been having a good time, and his brother, Oscar Smith, wanted to look after the matter. He learned of the loss of the watch and notified Sergeant Ames, who recovered the time-piece to-day, but declines to say how or where. It is a gold watch, inscribed "Pa to Eddie."

OLD GENTLEMAN GONE.

Mr. Elisha Rawles is dead, aged 82 years. The end came this morning at the deceased's home, near Holland. The funeral will take place at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning, from Beaver Dam Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Essex, will conduct it.

Mr. Rawles was one of the best-known citizens in the county. He was a well-known old Virginia gentleman. The following children survive: Mrs. Will Jenkins, Franklin, Mrs. Tany Darden, Misses Idona and Eva Rawles, John F. Lafayette and Ryland Rawles, of Nansemond county.

THREE ALLEGED FELONIES.

Hurricane Branch has begun to stock the county jail with persons accused of

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS

WOODARD & ELAM. Insurance Agents, Suffolk, Va., are selling a policy of \$10,000, which will pay five dollars per week should the holder contract typhoid, scarlet or typhus fever, smallpox, Asiatic cholera, varicella, diphtheria or measles. All persons over eighteen years of age can get them. Not more than ten policies sold to one person. 1896-11

Suffolk City Hall Theater.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

LOUIS BREHANY COMPANY.

Ballads, Soul-Stirring Music, concluding with portions of grand opera "Martha." The musical and social event of a decade. Biggest advance sale in five years. Caste includes Guillaume Saucier, renowned Belgian, and Aquies Pringle, a wonderful young violinist. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 71.00, 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